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1. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS (REF B) ON REF A APPRECIATED.
THEY PARALLEL OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

2. WE FACE STICKY SITUATION AT MOMENT. IN SEEKING TO CHANGE
VENUE OF E-W DISCUSSIONS TO MILITARY CHANNEL, TURKS MAY BE
SEEKING TO STEER US INTO NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON TURKISH E-W
REQUIREMENTS, IN HOPE THAT THEY CAN GET US SOMEHOW TO
ENDORSE AND UNDERWRITE THOSE REQUIREMENTS. ON OTHER HAND,
AND MUCH LESS LIKELY, TURKS MAY BE PREPARING TO SETTLE ISSUE
BASICALLY ON OUR TERMS AT BEST PRICE THEY ABLE EXTRACT.
DOING THIS IN FORUM PROPOSED BY YAVULZALP WOULD ENABLE
THEM SAVE FACE BY ALLEGING THAT OUR COMMITMENT (AS SEEN
BY THEM) HAD BEEN FULFILLED THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENT
TAKING ACCOUNT OF TURKEY'S REQUIREMENTS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH CAREFUL PREPARATION AND CLEAR
GUIDELINES TO JUSMMAT, WE CAN ENTER TGS-JUSMMAT
DISCUSSIONS AND STILL AVOID POTENTIAL PITFALLS. BEFORE

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DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ONE MORE EFFORT SHOULD BE

MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS.
WE THEREFORE PROPOSE GO BACK TO YAVULZALP FOR FURTHER
EXPLORATION OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE OF FORUM. WE
WILL POINT OUT THAT IF RESULT OF NEW FORUM IS MERELY TO FOCUS
ON LARGE GAP BETWEEN TURKISH REQUIREMENTS AND US OFFER,
IT WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. UNLESS HIS RESPONSE
CONTAINS NEW NEGATIVE ELEMENTS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD PROPOSE
ACCEPT HIS SUGGESTION, SEEKING AT SAME TIME TO KEEP
EMBASSY-MINISTRY CHANNEL ALIVE AND GOING IN TANDEM WITH
MILITARY DISCUSSIONS.

4. IN COURSE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YAVULZALP, WE WILL DRAW
ON VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED REF C.
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